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GWRCCC Hosts 1st Annual Future Green Leaders STEM Camp in Maryland



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Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition and The Code for Change hosted the 1st Annual Future Green Leaders STEM Camp on August 20, 2026, at Timbrel Centre, District Heights, Maryland. Thirty-nine (39) students from schools in Maryland and Washington, D.C. attended the event. The students learned about environmental issues, green careers, financial literacy, and technology. All participants received a backpack, certificate, a T-shirt and a \$250 stipend. Guest speakers included Hon. Denise Roberts, Maryland House of Delegates, District 25 and Sheryl Ponds, President of DiaTechCorp. The training was led by Antoine M. Thompson, CEO of GWRCCC; Jade Bynum, Grant Writer and Program Coordinator at GWRCCC; and Tracey Thompson, Executive Director of The Code for Change. Thank you to the students, parents, Thriving Communities and Eaton Corporation for making this event a huge success.

The Arc Prince George's County Earns CARF's Highest Accreditation, Raising the Bar for Disability Services

By PRESS OFFICER
The Arc Prince George's County

LARGO, Md. (Aug. 24, 2026)—The Arc Prince George's County has earned CARF Accreditation, an internationally recognized mark of excellence awarded to organizations that demonstrate the highest standards of quality, accountability, and person-centered service delivery.

The achievement follows an extensive review process that examined The Arc's leadership, governance, service delivery, health and safety practices, outcomes, and commitment to continuous improvement. CARF accreditation represents the highest level of confidence that an organization is providing services that are measurable, accountable, and centered on the people it serves.

For The Arc Prince George's County, this accomplishment is more than a certificate on the wall.

It is the result of months of preparation and decades of dedication by employees across every department who

worked together to strengthen policies, refine processes, document outcomes, and ensure that every aspect of the organization reflects best practices in supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

"This accreditation belongs to every member of The Arc family," said Rob Malone, President & CEO of The Arc Prince George's County. "Behind this achievement are countless hours of collaboration, self-reflection, and hard work by employees who never lost sight of why we do this work. CARF affirmed what our community already knows—that The Arc is committed to providing services that are compassionate, accountable, and always centered on the people we support. While we're proud of this milestone, we're even more excited about what it means for the future as we continue raising the standard of excellence."

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Plans for old Six Flags Site in Maryland Reignite Concerns for Belt Woods

By JEREMY COX
Chesapeake Bay Journal (bayjournal.com)

A development partnership backed by an A-list sports celebrity is looking to transform a former amusement park in Maryland into an entertainment and shopping hotbed accompanied by a broad spectrum of housing types.

"Our goal is to deliver several different uses that kind of work together in a generative way to create a real ecosystem," said Adam Rashid of TPA Group during a community meeting about the project in June.

But what about the natural ecosystem right next door? That's what some conservationists have been asking since Six Flags announced plans in April to sell its 515-acre property in Prince George's County for an undisclosed amount.

The amusement park shuttered last November. It had been branded as Six Flags America since 1999 but operated under several other names as an attraction dating back to 1974.

The property shares a long border with the Belt Woods Natural Environment Area, which owes its existence to a years-long environmental battle that sparked national attention. The 624-acre state-owned preserve is home to one of the last stands of old-growth forest in the Atlantic Coastal Plain. Part of the forest has been designated a National Natural Landmark for more than five decades.

The purchase of the Six Flags parcel is a joint venture between TPA, an Atlanta-based private real estate developer, and 35V, an investment firm co-founded by NBA star and Prince George's native son Kevin Durant. Their plans for the property are still under development, and they have partnered with the county government to seek public input.

The developers have stated no intention publicly of encroaching into Belt Woods. But environmentalists like Janet Gingold say that simply building too close to the natural area could upend its fragile balance.

"There needs to be a substantial buffer between any new development and the old-growth forest area," said Gingold of the Prince George's Sierra Club. "I just am very concerned about this attitude of trying to maximize the economic opportunities and the county tax revenues at the expense of other priorities, including our climate goals and the protections of these important natural places nearby."

Representatives of TPA and 35V couldn't be reached for comment. But at the town hall in June, hosted by County Executive Aisha Braveboy, TPA's Rashid told the audience that about 80 acres of the site is off-limits to development due to the presence of "woodlands and wetlands."

"We can't truly disturb those," he said—adding, though, that his firm might be open to developing walking trails within them as a recreational amenity.



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Gary Allen and Pam Cooper lead a tour of the old-growth forest in the Belt Woods Natural Environment Area near Bowie, MD, in August 2026.

Braveboy added, "Having green space is a huge amenity because most places you go don't have that. You just have sidewalks, asphalt and concrete."

She emphasized that the county is looking to get a hefty economic return from the property's redevelopment. National Harbor, a 350-acre resort

along the Potomac River in Prince George's, regularly generates about \$80 million in annual revenue for the county, she said. Meanwhile, Six Flags had only brought in up to \$3.5 million a year.

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PGCC Ranks No. 1 Among Maryland's Community Colleges

By PRESS OFFICER
Prince George's Community College

LARGO, Md. (Aug. 14, 2026)—Prince George's Community College (PGCC) ranks No. 1 among Maryland's community colleges and No. 19 in the nation, according to WalletHub's 2026 Best & Worst Community Colleges report.

WalletHub specifically highlighted PGCC's high median salaries for graduates, strong student retention rates and the College's offering of credit for life experiences.

"Being ranked No. 1 among Maryland's community colleges and No. 19 nationally is a tremendous point of pride for Prince George's Community Col-

lege," said President Falecia D. Williams, Ed.D. "This recognition reflects the excellence of our faculty and staff and our commitment to keep students at the center of every decision we make. We celebrate this achievement with gratitude for how far PGCC has come and with a clear sense of purpose for where we are going next. Our commitment to our students and our community will continue to carry us forward."

PGCC is among the top 20 of 613 community colleges evaluated nationwide. WalletHub evaluated community colleges across 18 measures in three areas: cost and financing, education outcomes and career outcomes. Measures include in-state tuition and fees, grant and scholarship aid, student retention

and graduation rates, student-faculty ratio, credentials awarded, student-loan default rates and median salary after attending.

The analysis draws on data from the National Center for Education Statistics, Campaign for Free College Tuition, U.S. Department of Education and Council for Community and Economic Research. The data were collected as of July 14, 2026.

The recognition reflects PGCC's continued focus on creating accessible pathways to education, credentials and careers while supporting students through their college journeys.

Maryland also earned the No. 1 spot among states with the best community college systems, with all five of the state's highest-ranked colleges placing

among the top 30 nationally.

View WalletHub's 2026 Best & Worst Community Colleges report: https://wallethub.com/edu/e/best-worst-community-colleges/15076?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Named a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance, designated by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security (2022–2027), Prince George's Community College (PGCC) provides high-quality education and training for the progressive and career-oriented residents of Prince George's County. From new high school graduates and career seekers to more seasoned professionals and senior citizens looking to enhance

their skill sets, PGCC is comprised of students who represent a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and goals. Serving nearly 25,000 individuals annually, the College is the first choice for higher education for residents of Prince George's County. Collaborative partnerships, responsive degree programs, and training programs, and a commitment to student success enable PGCC to address diverse education and workforce development demands. For more information, visit the College's website at www.pgcc.edu. Prince George's Community College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (267-284-5000); www.msche.org. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council on Higher Education.

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Brandywine-Aquasco by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

NOTTINGHAM MYERS HISTORY

On Good Friday, April 13, 2001, the Bernard Johnson Covenant Hall was destroyed by fire. The Fellowship Hall was the facility that allowed the execution and growth of all our ministries. The church family, strengthened by the saints before us and encouraged by the great faith we possessed, rallied to the great task before us to rebuild.

The Trustees, under the leadership of Charles Pinkney (deceased) met with our insurance company and entered a claim. The reason for the fire was never determined. The original insurance settlement offer was low, unacceptable, and unreasonable. Rev. Middle-brooks formed a task force to review all correspondence related to the fire and coordinate the proper notification and responses, develop processes to properly document and ensure responses to donations from the community, meet with the insurance company and legal counsel to determine options available to the church and develop recommendations to the Church Council as to the next course of action. The task force, chaired by Dorothy Magruder, was very successful in their negotiations and interactions with the insurance company. They were able to recover six times more than the original settlement offer.

The first step in the process of rebuilding was to form a committee to conduct a survey to determine what type of building the congregation wanted and what purpose the new building would serve. The church survey was completed in April 2003. The consensus was to build a gym for the recreation of the youth in the church and surrounding community along with classrooms and a full kitchen. The building plan was presented (and accepted) to the Church Council May 23, 2003, and presented and accepted to the Charge Conference May 27, 2003. Following the acceptance of the building plan, a building committee was voted in by the church. Members were Dorothy Magruder, Trustee Chair; Gill Pinkney, Trustee; Frank DeVille, Chantel Wright, Trustee Curtis Eugene; Oliver Myers, Trustee Emeritus; and Silverene Spriggs, Building Chair. The committee researched builders, visited builders on site and received builder presentations. The committee selected Zion Church Builders, of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The building committee took on various tasks to complete the pre-application process for the granting of a building permit. During 2004 in the midst of the pre-application permit process, the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) issued a decision to classify the 6.77 acres of our church land as a historical site. This meant that we could not build the gym-style building that the church voted on. We were regulated to replace the church hall with a building similar to the old structure that was destroyed by the fire with the design to be dictated by the HPC’s decision. As it turned out, the church family and HPC, reached a compromise and only the church building and cemetery were ruled historic, thus freeing up four acres of land required to build the

new church hall in the manner that was originally planned. Remaining information about the History of Bernard Johnson Covenant Hall will be in September 17 Article.

BSU ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bowie State Athletics to Host 15th Annual Bulldog Golf Classic on October 6, 2026, at the Country Club at Woodmore, cewoodmore.com. Proceeds from the Bulldog Golf Classic will support the Bowie State University Athletics Department’s goal of establishing an ongoing student scholarship program. The Athletics Department is an auxiliary to the university and is responsible for program fundraising. Register by September 1, 2026, for the early bird rates: Individual Golfer: \$200, Foursome: \$700. Tournament Day Schedule: Registration 7:30 a.m., Shotgun Start 9 a.m., Bulldog Post-Networking Event (after tournament ends). If you are unable to participate or sponsor the 15th Annual Bulldog Golf Classic, you can still make a donation to support student-athletes.

Sponsorship Opportunities: For more information about supporting the Bulldog Golf Classic and Sponsorship Opportunities, contact: Jennifer Coke, Executive Director of Philanthropy Engagement jcoke@bowiestate.edu, 301-860-4778. Dr. Jolisa Williams, Interim Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation 301-860-4778 jkwilliams@bowiestate.edu.

ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Baden Parish celebrates 150 years of Faith and Heritage. St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Baden Parish, located at 13801 Baden Westwood Road, Brandywine, Maryland, joyfully invites the community to celebrate its 150 Anniversary Homecoming on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at the church.

The anniversary worship service will feature the Reverend Sam of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington as the guest preacher. The theme for the celebration is “The Spirit of the Lord Is Here,” recognizing God’s faithfulness throughout the church’s 150-year history and looking ahead with hope for future generations. Following the worship service, guests are invited to enjoy a light luncheon and fellowship.

Each year, Homecoming at St. Philip’s is more than a reunion, it is a celebration of faith, family, and legacy. Members, former members, friends, and the surrounding community gather to reconnect with one another while honoring the vision, perseverance, and sacrifices of the church’s founders. Their steadfast faith established a foundation that continues to inspire generations to worship, serve, and share God’s love. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend this historic milestone. Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us as we celebrate 150 years of God’s grace, enduring faith, and the rich heritage of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Baden Parish.

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

With Mary McHale, will return soon!

PGCPS Clears Original Transportation Backlog, Announces Next Phase of Improvements and Leadership Transition

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (Aug. 30, 2026)—Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) announced today that the original backlog of approximately 10,000 students awaiting school bus assignments has been fully resolved following an intensive week-end effort by transportation staff and the district’s transportation surge team.

Every student included in the original routing backlog has now been assigned a bus route.

“This weekend, our team had one clear charge: eliminate the backlog and get our students assigned to buses,” said Superintendent Dr. Shawn Joseph. “Our employees worked with tremendous urgency to accomplish that goal. I am grateful for their commitment to our students and families. Now, our responsibility is to stabilize the system, strengthen customer service, and address the underlying operational issues that contributed to the challenges we experienced during the opening of school.”

While the original backlog has been eliminated, PGCPS will maintain its 27-member transportation surge team throughout the opening-of-school period. As new students enroll, families move, addresses

change and other routine transportation requests are received, students may continue to require new or adjusted bus assignments as part of the normal routing process. The surge team will remain in place to ensure those requests are addressed with expedience.

With the original backlog cleared, the district is also entering its route optimization phase, which is a normal part of the opening weeks of school. Over the next several weeks, transportation staff will continue reviewing routes to address routing errors, unusually long ride times, stop locations and opportunities to improve overall efficiency and reliability.

“Our priority this weekend was ensuring every student in the original backlog received a route,” said Chief Operating Officer Dr. Charoscar Coleman. “Clearing that backlog represents important progress, but our work is not finished. We will continue deploying additional personnel and monitoring transportation operations closely as we stabilize routes and respond to the normal changes that occur during the opening of school.”

Leadership personnel across all 12 PGCPS bus lots reported for duty Sunday afternoon to process and distribute updated run sheets. Drivers began navigating the newly updated routes Monday morning, August 31.

Information Access and Family Engagement

Updated transportation assignments and adjusted pickup times are available to families through the Chipmunk application. Assignments will also be accessible through the ParentVUE portal following system synchronization. Families are encouraged to review these platforms before Monday morning for the most current transportation information.

PGCPS host[ed] a Telephone Town Hall for families on Wednesday, September 2, at 6 p.m. District leaders provide[d] an update on transportation operations, discuss[ed] the ongoing action plan and respond[ed] to questions from families.

Strengthening Customer Service and Transportation Operations

As PGCPS moves from immediate response to longer-term improvement, the district will use lessons from the opening of school to address longstanding operational and customer service challenges within transportation.

“We will use this moment of setback to address longstanding issues within the Transportation Department, including customer service,” Joseph said. “Beginning Monday, we will be

Around the County

Council Member Edward Burroughs Announces Return of District 8 Free Fresh Food Program for Another Year

Program has distributed more than 760,000 pounds of fresh food and provided 633,000 meals to District 8 families

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, Md. (Aug. 21, 2026)—Prince George’s County Council Member Edward P. Burroughs III (District 8) announced the continuation of the District 8 Free Fresh Food Program, providing families with free groceries and fresh produce every second and fourth Saturday through June 2027.

The program, conducted in partnership with The Storehouse and Victory Church International, is designed to help families access nutritious food while easing the financial pressure of rising household grocery costs.

Over the past year, the program has made a significant impact across District 8, including:

- 24 community food distributions
- More than 760,000 pounds of fresh food distributed
- 633,000 meals provided
- 1,600 holiday turkeys distributed
- An average of 1,600 families served at each distribution

“Last year, thousands of District 8 families joined us every month for fresh food distributions that helped put healthy meals on the table,” said Councilmember Edward P. Burroughs III. “Thanks to our partnership with The Storehouse and Victory Church International, we are proud to continue this program for another year. Whether you’ve been with us since our first distribution or are joining us for the first time, we look forward to serving you and your family.”

The renewed program reflects an ongoing effort to address food insecurity and ensure District 8 residents have consistent access to fresh produce and groceries at no cost.

FREE FRESH FOOD PROGRAM

WHO: Prince George’s County Council Member Edward P. Burroughs III, The Storehouse, and Victory Church International

WHAT: District 8 Free Fresh Food Program

WHEN: Every second and fourth Saturday through June 2027

COST: Free to participating families

Residents are encouraged to follow the Office of Prince George’s County Council Member Edward Burroughs III for upcoming distribution dates, locations, and additional information.

M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George’s County Publick Playhouse Announces the 2026–2027 Season!

CHEVERLY, Md. (Aug. 31, 2026)—The Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George’s County, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), has announced the 2026–27 season at Prince George’s Publick Playhouse. Running from September 2026 through June 2027, the season will feature nationally recognized artists, family-friendly performances, educational programs and cultural events designed to engage audiences of all ages,

Featured performances this season include Adrian Dunn & the Adrian Dunn Singers, a world premiere from Dissonance Dance Theatre, The Nutcracker, The String Queens, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Keith Washington, and much more.

Tickets are available now. Publick Playhouse also offers theater classes, art exhibitions, and summer camps. For more information or to purchase tickets for upcoming events at Publick Playhouse, visit www.pg parks.com/Publick-Playhouse. You can also contact the Box Office at 301-277-1710 (Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). All sales are final. Advanced ticket purchases are recommended.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2–5 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Celebración

A family-friendly event that will include artwork from Catherine Rupan Mapp; the unveiling of the 2026 Hispanic Heritage Month poster, live music from Pablo Antonio y La Firma and DJ Chris Styles, dance demonstrations & lessons from Salsa with Sylvia, arts & crafts for children, and light refreshments. For all ages. FREE!

Tuesday–Thursday, Sep. 15–17, 2–3 p.m.

Active Aging Week: African Dance Class

Celebrate Active Aging Week with Fritete Ensemble and learn traditional dances, chants, and rhythms from the Mother Continent. The class consists of moderate stretching, cardio, and crafted African movements. For ages 60 and older. Cost: \$5 per person.

Saturday, Sep. 26, 7:30 p.m.

IZIS la Enfermera de la Salsa

Known for her powerful vocals and dynamic stage presence, IZIS blends classic salsa with contemporary energy to create a joyful, dance-filled experience. For all ages. Tickets: \$20–\$25 per person.

Saturday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11, 4 p.m.

Through the Dark, the Light Beckons

A powerful evening of movement and meaning rooted in the African American experience from Dissonance Dance Theatre. For all ages. Tickets: \$20–\$25 per person.

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.

Around the World

Celebrate world cultures and folktales from all around the globe with this fun, high-energy show from Bright Star Touring Theatre. For families and children ages 3–12. Tickets: \$6–\$8 per person.

Saturday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Adrian Dunn & the Adrian Dunn Singers

Blending classical, spirituals, jazz, hip-hop, and contemporary music, Dunn creates powerful works that center Black identity, social justice, and spiritual reflection, transforming the theatre into a space of both reverence and urgency. For all ages. Tickets: \$30–\$35 per person.

COMMUNITY

Calendar of Events

Maryland at 250: The Values That Shape Us Presents “Unfiltered: Free Speech, Creativity and Democracy”

Date and time: Thursday, September 10, 2026, 7 p.m.
Description: Join acclaimed author and cultural commentator D. Watkins and Maryland State Delegate Marlon Amprey at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum for a dynamic, unscripted conversation exploring the history, meaning, and contemporary impact of free expression. Moving from the foundational principles of the First Amendment to modern legal debates surrounding creative expression including the Protecting Admissibility of Creative Expression (PACE) Act, introduced as HB 1346 by Maryland State Delegate Marlon Amprey, this dialogue will challenge audiences to consider: What does freedom of speech really mean, and who does it protect?
Cost: FREE. Register: <https://www.lewismuseum.org/event/maryland-at-250-the-values-that-shape-us-presents-unfiltered-free-speech-creativity-and-democracy/>
Location: Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, 830 E Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21202

2nd Annual Maryland Farm Tours

Date and time: Saturday, September 12, 2026, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Description: Join us for Maryland Farm Tours, where participating farmers across the state open their farms and welcome the community to explore, learn and celebrate Maryland’s rich agricultural heritage. Asawana Farms offers a hands-on Food as Medicine experience focused on moringa and bitter leaf. Visitors learn how to plant and grow these specialty crops, tour the farm, taste them fresh from the field, and explore their cultural significance and wellness value in African and Afro-Caribbean food traditions. RAIN OR SHINE
Cost: FREE. Extra activities may have an additional cost.
Location: Asawana Farms, 601 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. <https://asawanafarms.com/>
Contact: <https://mymdfarmers.com/farmtours/>

Observe the Moon Night With Capitol Tech

Date and time: Saturday, September 19, 2026, 6–10 p.m.
Description: Join Capitol Tech for a fun and free evening of space exploration! As a NASA-registered event site for International Observe the Moon Night, we invite the community to explore the wonders of space through interactive activities, astronomy talks, rocket launches and more!
Cost: FREE. Open to students and the public. RAIN OR SHINE with indoor and outdoor activities scheduled, please dress for the weather.
Location: Capitol Technology University, 11301 Springfield Road, Laurel, MD 20708
Contact: <https://www.captechu.edu/degrees-and-programs/stem-events/observe-moon-night>

RAZA RY Presents Brick by Brick: THE 1ST ROOM

Date and time: Sunday, September 20, 2026, Doors at 6 p.m.; presentation around 8 p.m.
Description: RAZA RY [RAH-zuh-RYE] is a multidisciplinary artist working across photography, film, writing and experience-making. For years, RAZA RY has helped others shape and tell their stories. Now he is turning that same creative process toward himself. “BRICK BY BRICK: THE 1ST ROOM” is an immersive, multidisciplinary art experience centered on identity. SIX FILMS. TWO MOVEMENTS. ONE ONGOING REBUILD. The producer behind other people’s vision finally makes himself the client. RAZA has spent nearly two decades creating brands and systems that helped businesses be more creative and creatives to run themselves more like businesses. Hosted by Movies and Marshmallows by LIVE & Cocktails
Cost: FREE. Details + RSVP: <https://september-20-event.vibepreview.com/intro>
Location: Station 3510, 3510 Rhode Island Avenue, Suite 100, Mount Rainier, MD 20712

Let’s Move Prince George’s County Community Health Fair

Date and time: Saturday, September 26, 2026, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Description: Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Prince George’s County Chapter, in partnership with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, will host this free event featuring health screenings, interactive wellness activities and fun for all ages. Under the theme “Wellness for All: Mind, Body, and Community,” this won’t be your typical health fair. In addition to valuable health information, attendees will be invited to get up, participate and try something new through interactive activities for all ages. Visitors can learn important information about their health through screenings and services.
Cost: FREE and open to the community
Location: Oakcrest Community Center, 1300 Capitol Heights Blvd., Capitol Heights, MD 20743

2026 Walk to Defeat ALS Washington DC

Date and time: Saturday, October 3, 2026, 11 a.m.
Description: The Walk to Defeat ALS® is the nation’s largest ALS fundraising campaign, driving progress in ALS research, care, and advocacy. It’s more than a fundraiser—it’s a celebration of the strength and resiliency of our ALS community. Registered participants who raise \$100 or more will receive a commemorative t-shirt.
Cost: Register or donate, visit www.als.org/WalkDC.
Location: Washington Monument Grounds, 1351 Constitution Avenue NW, (Corner of Constitution Ave & 15th Street), Washington D.C, DC 20024

Men Who Cook for Breast Cancer 2026

Date and time: Saturday, October 10, 2026, 12–3 p.m. Doors Open: 11:45 a.m.
Description: Enjoy an afternoon featuring food tastings and samples from amateur and celebrity chefs, dancing, prizes, workshops, and valuable breast cancer resources for patients, survivors, supporters, and the community. Proceeds benefit Fights Through Flights, Inc., a Prince George’s County nonprofit supporting breast cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers.
Cost: Tickets: \$10 per person, <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/news-events/news/men-who-cook-breast-cancer-2026>
Location: Oxon Hill High School, 6701 Leyte Drive, Oxon Hill, MD 20745

PGCPS Leadership Visits Imagine Andrews Public Charter School



PHOTO COURTESY IMAGINE SCHOOLS MID-ATLANTIC REGION

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, Md. (Aug. 27, 2026)—Imagine Andrews Public Charter School welcomed PGCPS Superintendent Dr. Joseph, Chief of Staff Dr. Collins and PGCPS Instructional Director for Charter Schools Ms. Hall for a visit focused on connection, collaboration, and continued support for the school community.
During the visit, PGCPS leadership met with Principal Mr. Rice and his leadership team along with School liaison Ms. Brooks and Imagine Schools’ regional team, including EVP Shawn Toler, and Academic Director Travis Miller. The visit provided an opportunity to strengthen partnerships and discuss continued efforts to support scholars, educators, and the school community.
As Imagine Schools Mid-Atlantic region prepares for the 2026–2027 school year, the region looks forward to “Igniting Impact” through purposeful leadership, academic excellence, strong partnerships, meaningful opportunities and ultimately our shared values: JUSTICE, INTEGRITY & FUN for scholars and staff.
Imagine Andrews is grateful for the continued engagement and looks forward to building on this partnership throughout the new school year.

Capitol Technology University Launches Pilot Degree Program at Frederick Municipal Airport

By PRESS OFFICER
Capitol Technology University

FREDERICK, Md. (Aug. 24, 2026)—Capitol Technology University is proud to announce that students may now earn their Bachelor of Science (BS) in Aviation Professional Pilot degree at Frederick Municipal Airport (FDK), expanding the reach of the program throughout Frederick County, Hagerstown, and the broader Central and Western Maryland regions.
The addition of FDK strengthens Capitol Tech’s statewide aviation training network, joining existing flight operations at Fort Meade Executive Airport (FME), Lee Airport (ANP), and Martin State Airport (MTN). Together, these locations support Capitol Tech’s growing aviation offerings, including aviation professional pilot, aeronautics, airport operations management, aviation maintenance, and more. Students statewide now have greater access to flight training opportunities and STEM-focused degrees that prepare them for successful careers across the aviation industry.
“Expanding into Frederick is an important milestone for our aviation program,” said Frank Turney, professional pilot and Aviation Department Head at Capitol Technology University. “As interest in aviation and industry demand continue to grow throughout Maryland, we are committed to creating accessible pathways for our students to pursue rewarding careers.”

The new Frederick location will expand opportunities for residents of not only Central and Western Maryland, but also West Virginia and Pennsylvania, to receive the benefits of a Capitol Tech education close to home.
Capitol Tech is one of only a small number of colleges and universities in Maryland offering a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-aligned professional pilot degree. Students benefit from hands-on, in-flight training, experienced aviation faculty, modern flight simulation technology, and connections to industry organizations and employers.
The BS in Aviation Professional Pilot program is also approved for the FAA Restricted Airline Transport Pilot (R-ATP) pathway, enabling qualified graduates to reach airline eligibility with fewer flight hours than the traditional route. Fewer flight hours represent significant cost and time savings for students.
FDK is recognized as a major aviation hub in Maryland, supporting more than 90,000 aircraft operations annually and serving as home to numerous aviation organizations and businesses. This dynamic operating environment provides students with valuable real-world flight experience in a professionally managed airport setting.
As demand for pilots and aviation professionals continues to grow nationwide, the Frederick expansion reinforces Capitol Tech’s commitment to making aviation education more accessible to stu-

dents throughout Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region.
For more information about Capitol Technology University’s aviation programs, visit www.capl.ink/aviation.
Capitol Technology University is a leading STEM university located in Laurel, MD near the vibrant DC metropolitan area. Ranked #1 in Maryland for graduate salaries at all degree levels, the university’s mission is to educate individuals for successful professional careers in STEM research, engineering, management, and business by providing relevant learning experiences. Through industry-expert faculty, technical skills development, and innovative partnerships, Capitol Tech fosters career advancement opportunities for the evolving global community. Visit www.captechu.edu to learn more.
Frederick Municipal Airport (FDK) is owned and operated by The City of Frederick, Maryland. The public general aviation airport is designated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a reliever airport for Baltimore/Washington International (BWI). With more than 90,000 aircraft operations annually, FDK is the second busiest airport in Maryland and the preferred executive airport in the National Capital Region. The facility is used by pilots and passengers for business, personal, recreational flying activities, medical transport, and other aeronautical services. Visit www.cityoffrederickmd.gov to learn more.

Improvements from A2

gin working to automate our telephone systems so that when a parent calls, a response is provided promptly and we can better monitor how issues are being resolved. Our Ombudsman will lead this initiative. It represents phase one of a broader customer service improvement effort that is needed throughout our school district.”
The new system will be designed to strengthen accountability for family inquiries by improving the district’s ability to track calls, monitor response times, identify recurring concerns and ensure issues are routed to the appropriate staff for resolution.
The customer service initiative will complement the district’s broader work to strengthen transportation operations, including routing capacity, internal com-

munication, operational accountability and systems for identifying and escalating problems before they affect families.
Transportation Leadership Transition
PGCPS is also announcing a transition in the leadership of the Transportation Department.
Keba Baldwin is stepping down from his role as Director of Transportation. The district thanks Mr. Baldwin for his service and contributions to PGCPS and its transportation operations. He will work with district leadership to support an orderly transition.
Dr. Mark Fossett, a former Chief Operating Officer for PGCPS, will serve as Acting Director of Transportation and lead a new transportation transition team.
Dr. Fossett and the transition team will provide experienced leadership and

additional operational capacity as the district continues stabilizing transportation services, strengthening customer service and addressing critical vacancies within the department. The transition structure will remain in place as PGCPS works to permanently fill critical transportation vacancies during this semester.
“This is about more than responding to the challenges of one week,” said Superintendent Joseph. “It is about building the systems, capacity and culture necessary to provide families with the reliable service they deserve. We resolved the immediate backlog. Now we must use what we have learned to build a stronger transportation operation for the future.”
PGCPS will continue providing families and the Board of Education with updates as transportation operations stabilize throughout the opening of the school year.

COMMENTARY

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

The Path Toward Liberty Is Being Lit and Led by Black Women

“If you hear the dogs, keep going. If you see the torches in the woods, keep going; if there’s shouting after you, keep going. Don’t ever stop. Keep going. If you want a taste of freedom, keep going.”

—Harriet Tubman

There is no group in America today for whom this quote resonates more than Black women. On January 20, 2025, as the first Black woman to serve as Vice President ended her last day in office, the White House issued an executive order

terminating diversity, equity, and inclusion offices and related contracts across the government. Two words that made the administration’s list of banned words, “Black” and “women,” created a ripple effect in hiring and job losses across the economy that disproportionately impacted Black women. The total loss? 251,000 between January and August 2025, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and findings from our 2026 State of Black America Report. In response, Black women aren’t cowering away; they’re fighting back.

In Georgia, Keisha Lance Bottoms, former Mayor of Atlanta and Senior Advisor to President Biden, is polling slightly ahead of her opponent for the keys to the Governor’s mansion this fall. During her mayoral term, she was a friend of the Urban League of Greater Atlanta, helping our affiliate expand opportunity across the city, and partnered with us to improve educational outcomes for our children. In Illinois, Juliana Stratton is running for the Senate to defeat poverty by creating economic opportunities and to defend democracy by committing to passing Voting Rights legislation. And in Florida, Angie Nixon won this week’s Senate primary by pledging to center people over Corporate profits and a vision for a universal jobs program. These women are but a handful of examples of what today’s movement toward freedom and access to the American Dream looks like. In the wake of historic job losses, Black women have pivoted to become a new face of entrepreneurship in this country. And those businesses are a real economic engine. According to the 2025 Wells Fargo Impact of Women-Owned Businesses report, Black women-owned businesses in the U.S. outnumber more than 2 million and employ more

than 647,000 people. History has shown Black America that opportunity and influence have never been given to us. And what we’ve achieved since Reconstruction has been the fruit of perseverance, community, and collective action, most of which was either led by or deeply supported by a foundation of committed Black women. That history shows us that the leadership we see today is legacy and prophecy for our country’s future. At every setback, we take two steps forward. In every fight for our rights, we bear the blows with resolve and build back stronger. And make no mistake, Black women are not alone in this fight; they have an entire community organizing beside them. The Urban League movement is a partner investing in and developing its entrepreneurial ventures, voters are evangelizing its vision, and it is standing on the backs of women who have come and fought before them in the face of oppression and darkness. As Lady Liberty and her torch lit the way for freedom through revolutions, Black women and their resilience carry the torch that lights our path to a brighter future ahead. —August 22, 2026

ENVIRONMENT

EarthTalk® Q&A

Pet Ownership: Bad for the Planet?

By Grace Lee | August 26, 2026

Dear EarthTalk:
Is owning a cat or dog bad for the planet?
—Missy Teahan, Acton, MA

While all cat and dog owners know the financial and time costs of caring for a pet, many do not know about or consider the environmental costs. As almost one-third of all households on Earth own at least one dog and nearly one-fourth of all households own at least one cat, the environmental effects of these pets have become incredibly significant and impactful globally. Specifically, an average-sized cat produces around 310 kilograms of carbon dioxide annually, while an average-sized dog produces 770 kilograms. One impactful factor of this phenomenon is pet food production. As pets often depend on other animals’ protein as food to survive, producing pet food requires farming animals like cattle and poultry. This production adds up; in America, the production of dog and cat food leads to around 390 kilograms of climate pollution annually per animal, a number that is worsened by many pet food companies neglecting sustainable pet food ingredient sourcing. Beyond production, the overall consumption of pet food contributes to climate pollution. In fact, one quarter of the environmental impacts of U.S. meat production are tied to pet food, taking into account the use of land, water, phosphates, pesticides, and fossil fuels, according to UCLA geographer Gregory Okin. While some cat owners have tried to opt for a vegan diet, Alexandra Whittaker, an

associate Professor at the School of Animal and Veterinary Science at the University of Adelaide, stated, “One challenge that isn’t really addressed in this paper is how a vegan cat diet should be safely put together. Previous studies have shown cats on vegan diets to have severe deficiency disorders affecting the muscles.” The environmental effects of pets are also exacerbated by the lack of conscious decision-making from pet owners. For instance, many owners do not think twice about purchasing from breeders, as they do not consider how this contributes to overpopulation and can increase the impact of pet food production or animal care costs in animal shelters. Similarly, many of the pet toys that owners purchase are made with toxic dyes, and the pet waste that owners do not pick up can spread deadly parasites to wildlife. Fortunately, there are various things you can do to mitigate these negative environmental effects. Owners could opt for sustainable food alternatives, such as pet food brands certified by the Aquaculture Stewardship Council or the Marine Stewardship Council, which indicate that the protein in this food is caught legally and produced responsibly, or insect-based food, which has a smaller carbon footprint. Pet owners should also manage waste responsibly to avoid spreading toxins to wildlife and to reduce plastic pollution by decreasing the number of unnecessary purchases. With these measures, pet owners can significantly reduce the carbon footprint of their pets. CONTACTS: Is your family pet bad for the environment? It depends, <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/family/article/is-your->



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Braveboy, a Democrat, attributed the amusement park’s lower proceeds to its practice of closing during cooler months and only operating on about a quarter of the property’s acreage. She will judge the development’s success, she said, by whether it is able to send more tax revenue to the county than the geographically smaller National Harbor. “We can do a lot with [515 acres],” she said at the town hall. “There can be multiple uses. We have to give our children something positive to do . . . I think this is an opportunity for us to do that all year round, not just for a season.” County spokesman Brian Fisher clarified in an interview that Braveboy wants the redevelopment to be “sensitive” to the natural area next door. “We are not going to hurt the Belt Woods nature center in any way,” he said. “Period.” Belt Woods lies less than 20 miles east of the White House. Surrounded by leafy subdivisions, it very nearly became one itself. Only through the foresight of its owner, a banker named Seton Belt, did the expanse of tulip trees and white oaks stay untouched as development closed in. When Belt died in 1959, he willed his beloved acreage to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington and his local parish, and he included in the document a ban on large-scale timber harvests. The new owners, though, got a local judge to overturn the prohibition and in 1981 succeeded in cutting down about 50 acres on the north side of the property. (The National Natural Landmark designation only applied to 45 acres on the south side.) The state purchased 109 acres of the property in 1984 for preservation, but more than 500 acres remained unprotected. When the church later proposed building 649-housing units there, it triggered a national outcry and widespread media attention. An ensuing fundraising campaign led to a \$4.5 million sale of the remaining acreage in 1997, with the state taking ownership of the



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The massive tuliptree in the foreground is one of many old-growth hardwoods in the Belt Woods Natural Environment Area of Prince George’s County, MD. Pam Cooper scoops up a handful of rich organic matter from the forest floor in the Belt Woods Natural Environment Area near Bowie, MD.



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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Will Social Security Run Out of Money Soon?

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation,
the non-profit arm of the **Association of Mature American Citizens**

Dear Rusty: I’m concerned about Social Security running out of funding, since I rely on it for my income and I’m at an age where my having to go back to work is not an option I can consider. The job market for people my age is slim. I’ve been reading reports and it doesn’t sound reassuring. Your thoughts? **Signed: Concerned Senior**

Dear Concerned Senior: Thanks for sharing your concerns. This topic is a fairly complicated one, but I’ll do my best to explain it.

Social Security income (from payroll taxes, interest on reserves, and income tax on SS benefits) has been insufficient to pay 100% of SS benefit obligations since about 2020. Since that time, SS has been drawing money from the Social Security Trust Fund reserves to pay full monthly benefits to everyone. In 2020, there was nearly \$3 trillion in SS reserves held in the SS Trust Funds, but as of the end of 2025, those reserves have dwindled to about \$2.56 trillion because they are being used to pay full SS benefits to all. Without program reform, the SS trust funds will be fully depleted in 2032, which would result in an across-the-board cut of about 22% to everyone’s monthly SS payment. And that would be devastating to millions of Americans!

However, Congress is acutely aware of this issue; they have been for years but have largely ignored previous warnings. Now, however, those predicted benefit cuts are dangerously close to becoming a reality. As a result, we are beginning to see serious (even bipartisan) discussions in Congress about reforming Social Security to restore it to solvency to avoid future benefit cuts.

For our part, AMAC and the AMAC Foundation have been working on a proposal to restore SS to full solvency for generations, and we have offered our proposal to various Congressional Representatives and to the SSA Commissioner and his executive staff. Our proposal has been well received, and we are very optimistic that Congress will finally take real action to restore SS to solvency to avoid any benefit cuts. Frankly, doing otherwise would amount to political suicide!

At AMAC, we are closely monitoring this situation and are very proactive in Washington, D.C. to ensure that benefits are not cut in 2032, and we will continue our vigorous efforts and our vigilance to avoid Social Security insolvency. We are confident that Congress will act in time to avoid any reduction in SS benefits, and you can stay informed of our efforts by watching our AMAC Social Security information website—www.socialsecurityreport.org.

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Hospice of the Chesapeake Announces new Board Members

By ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN
Hospice of the Chesapeake

PASADENA, Md. (Aug. 26, 2026)—Several prominent members of the community recently were appointed to the boards of directors of Hospice of the Chesapeake and its Foundation.

Chris Fedde and Brian Hahn are the newest members of the Hospice of the Chesapeake Inc., Board.

Fedde is a veteran cybersecurity executive who founded Hexis Cyber Solutions and led SafeNet, Inc. and Bandura Cyber, Inc., building SafeNet’s presence across the U.S. government defense and intelligence communities. Also serving as the Chair of the Board of Directors for Partners In Care of Maryland, Inc., he brings to Hospice of the Chesapeake seasoned executive leadership and broad nonprofit and corporate board experience.

Hahn was born and raised in Maryland and has a successful career in the high-tech industry, holding many individual, management and executive management positions for over 43 years. Along with his experience in federal business leadership, he brings to the organization nonprofit board governance and is Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for Partners In Care of Maryland, Inc.

Dana Bustin, Tim McDonough, David Morauer, Rhosheeda Proctor, Gail Sanders and Dr. John Weigel have joined the Hospice of the Chesapeake Foundation Board.

Bustin is the owner and vice president of Patuxent Printing, a full-service printing and marketing company in Owings, Maryland. As a leader within the Calvert County

Chamber of Commerce, she brings deep community connections and marketing expertise to Hospice of the Chesapeake, having already served on the Boots & Bling event committee to raise funds and awareness for the organization.

McDonough serves as the board’s vice chair. He is the owner of TM Designs & Associates, a full-service interior design firm, with a career background in Capitol Hill legislative work. He brings more than two decades of hands-on Hospice of the Chesapeake experience to the board, having served on its boards, chaired galas and helped design the Rebecca Fortney Inpatient Care Center and, most recently, the Center for Hope & Healing on the John & Cathy Belcher Campus.

Morauer is a Maryland-based real estate developer, investor and partner overseeing a diverse portfolio of commercial real estate and family business interests. He brings a personal connection to hospice care. Having witnessed the compassion his family received during his mother’s battle with Alzheimer’s, he seeks to ensure that others throughout the community have access to the same compassionate care.

Proctor is the employee relations and talent acquisition director for Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative and has more than a decade of experience in strategic human resource management. She served on the board of the former Hospice of Charles County and brings that same passion for community advocacy to this board.

Sanders is retired as assistant vice president of business development at Tower Federal Credit Union with a career span-

ning education, marketing and senior nonprofit leadership. She brings extensive nonprofit board experience, having served on 16 boards and received numerous community service awards.

Weigel is a retired internal medicine physician who spent decades practicing at Calvert Internal Medicine and holds board certifications in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics. He brings direct hospice governance experience, having served on the Calvert Hospice Board of Directors and the Calvert County Advisory Committee to Hospice of the Chesapeake, along with a strong record of medical and community volunteerism.

The organization is honored to welcome these new board members in support of its mission.

Headquartered in Pasadena, Maryland, with local offices in each county it serves, the organization is the largest independent nonprofit hospice in the state of Maryland. It provides hospice, supportive and grief care services to residents of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles and Prince George’s counties.

Hospice of the Chesapeake provides expert, compassionate care for individuals and families navigating serious advanced illness and loss. Care is built around a genuine partnership between skilled clinicians, healthcare partners, and the patients and families we serve—centered on supporting quality of life at every stage. For over 45 years, we have had the privilege of caring for more than 65,000 patients and more than 100,000 family members across the communities we serve. Hospice of the Chesapeake is proud to be a part of Chesapeake Health Partners, an organization focused on strengthening community-based care and support services that help older adults thrive at every stage of aging.

Accreditation from A1

CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services. Organizations voluntarily participate in the accreditation process to demonstrate that they meet internationally recognized standards and are committed to continuous quality improvement. The process includes an in-depth peer review and on-site survey conducted by experienced professionals from the human services field.

For the thousands of people and families served by The Arc Prince George’s County each year, CARF accreditation provides added confidence that services are delivered with a focus on safety, quality, individual choice, and measurable outcomes. Accreditation also demonstrates the organization’s commitment to respecting individual rights, listening to the peo-

ple it serves, and continually improving programs based on best practices.

“Every policy we reviewed, every process we strengthened, and every conversation we had throughout this journey came back to one question: *How can we better serve people?*” said Thalia Simpson-Clement, Chief Programs Officer. “CARF accreditation validates the incredible work our teams do every day, but it also challenges us to keep improving. Excellence isn’t a destination—it’s a commitment we renew every single day for the people and families who trust us.”

Founded in 1952, The Arc Prince George’s County has spent more than 75 years empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live, work, and thrive in their communities. Today, the organization supports more than 5,000 children, adults, seniors, and families each year through early intervention,

employment services, behavioral health, family support, benefits enrollment, transportation, advocacy, and community-based programs.

The CARF designation underscores The Arc’s promise to provide services that are not only compassionate and person-centered, but also held to internationally recognized standards of excellence.

For more than 75 years, The Arc Prince George’s County has empowered children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve their highest potential and live rich, fulfilling lives. Through innovative programs, advocacy, employment supports, family services, behavioral health, and community partnerships, The Arc serves more than 5,000 people annually while building a stronger, more inclusive Prince George’s County.

Concerns from A4

now-combined public parcels.

The Belt Woods ecosystem is so sensitive that no public visitation is allowed aside from occasional guided hikes and hunting to control the deer population. Maryland has designated most of the property as a wildland, the state equivalent of a federal wilderness area. It is considered important nesting habitat for neotropical songbirds.

So, Pam Cooper, who founded the Western Shore Conservancy in the 1990s to help save Belt Woods, was disappointed when one of the county’s first actions after disclosing the pending sale was to announce a naming contest.

“That’s not what’s important here,” she said. “What’s important is, how do you develop next to one of the most precious ecosystems in the county, in the state, in the country? I think there needs to be a roundtable of experts that can talk about what’s important.”

Gary Allen was the mayor of nearby Bowie in the 1990s when the rest of Belt Woods was preserved, and he helped direct some of the city’s funds toward the purchase. Many of the site’s birds rely on the forested buffer along the Six Flags property, he said. Without it, they would

almost certainly leave for greener pastures.

“There’s a capacity,” Allen said. “There’s only going to be so many hooded warblers and so many wood thrushes, and then they’re going to get run off. We are marginal [in size] with the 624 acres that we’ve protected.”



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Conservationists are concerned about old-growth forest in the Belt Woods Natural Environment Area near Bowie, MD, where a major development is planned for the adjacent property.

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Notice is given that Janice M Rodgers, whose address is 10106 Capitol View Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910-1036, was on August 7, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of MAUREEN T RODGERS who died on July 15, 2026 with a will.

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All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 7th day of February, 2027.

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JANICE M RODGERS Personal Representative

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Estate No. 142373 153784 (8-20,8-27,9-3)

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All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 7th day of February, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 7th day of February, 2027.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates:

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

RODNEY C TAYLOR Personal Representative

CERETA A. LEE REGISTER OF WILLS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY P.O. Box 1729 UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20773-1729

Estate No. 142453 153783 (8-20,8-27,9-3)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF CHARLES E CARY JR

Notice is given that Melody Cary, whose address is 9218 Sherry Ln, Clinton, MD 20735-1939, was on August 10, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of CHARLES E CARY JR, who died on November 24, 2025 without a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney.

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 10th day of February, 2027.

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MELODY CARY Personal Representative

CERETA A. LEE REGISTER OF WILLS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY P.O. Box 1729 UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20773-1729

Estate No. 140027 153793 (8-20,8-27,9-3)

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